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INFORMATION DESTINATION COMES TO THE HUB HEDC ANNEX OFFERS RESIDENTS CONVENIENCE AND ACCESSIBILITY

JERSEY CITY- Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, members of the **Municipal Council**, the **Department of Housing, Economic Development and Commerce** and other city officials will host a ribbon cutting ceremony welcoming three new divisions to the **HEDC Department Annex** at 10 a.m. on **Tuesday, September 22, 2009, 360 Martin Luther King Drive.**

The expansion of services at the office is part of Mayor Healy's program aimed at making government services more accessible to the public.

"This is the second phase of my initiative of bringing government to the people" said **Mayor Healy**. "My goal is to provide the citizens of Jersey City with easy access to the vast array of resources and city services."

In 2007, the first phase of Mayor Healy's initiative was launched when the Office of the Construction Code Official (Building Department) launched its satellite office in the HUB. The annex provides ample on-site parking and an alternative to the main office at 30 Montgomery Street.

In addition to the Building Department, the three other divisions now sharing space in the annex are Community Development, Tenant/Landlord Relations and Housing Code Enforcement. Community Development offers programs such as Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Homeowner Rebate Program (HORP) and the First Time Homebuyers Program. The Division of Tenant/Landlord offers tenants the opportunity to exercise their rights and mediates tenant/landlord disputes. Housing Code serves as a member of the Mayor's Quality of Life Task Force and acts as a source for heat and hot water problems, abandoned buildings and illegal apartments.

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An employee from Tenant/Landlord and Housing Code will be present on Monday and Friday, while Community Development will be staffed on Wednesday. Additionally, a representative from the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission will be at the annex on Tuesday and Thursday for sewer connections.

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